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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) (A/C.5/48/40, paras. 27-33).

2. By its resolution 47/451 C of 14 September 1993, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the maintenance of MINURSO at a rate not exceeding $3,204,600 gross ($3,028,200 net) per month for the period from 1 September to 31 December 1993, subject to the concurrence of the Advisory Committee; the amount was to be provided from the unencumbered balance of the appropriation provided for the Mission.

3. The Advisory Committee, by its letter of 22 October 1993, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into further commitments in an amount not exceeding $3 million gross per month for the maintenance of MINURSO for the four-month period from 1 September to 31 December 1993.

4. With regard to the action to be taken by the General Assembly at the present time in connection with the financing of the Mission, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Assembly authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of $12,782,000 gross ($12,086,000 net) from the unencumbered balance of the appropriation provided for the Mission under Assembly resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991, for the period from 1 January to 30 April 1994. Under the circumstances no assessment is necessary at this time.

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